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Moderna Halts Epstein-Barr mRNA Vaccine Trial After Myocarditis Case

Moderna halted its Phase 1 trial of an mRNA vaccine to treat the Epstein-Barr virus after a single suspected case of myocarditis in an adolescent, raising questions about the heart-damaging technology used in all mRNA vaccines, according to a report by Alex Berenson.

By John-Michael Dumais

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Investigators halted a Moderna trial of a new mRNA vaccine for Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) after a participant developed suspected myocarditis, according to independent journalist Alex Berenson.

Moderna paused the Phase 1 "Eclipse" trial following "an urgent communication" from the company overseeing the trial stating that the adverse event "necessitates an immediate suspension of all dosing for ALL adolescents," Berenson reported.

A person not employed by Moderna provided the communication to Berenson, a former New York Times reporter and author of 13 books.

The case "will only add to the concerns around mRNA biotechnology and heart issues, particularly myocarditis," Berenson wrote on Substack. The Moderna and Pfizer mRNA COVID-19 vaccines have been linked to myocarditis, especially in young, healthy males.

Moderna did not disclose the trial halt in public filings, according to Berenson, who suggested financial motivations may be behind the lack of transparency after the company told investors this vaccine was one of several expected to generate billions of dollars.

Moderna's stock price has dropped nearly 85% from its 2021 highs but still remains one of the most valuable biotech companies with a $30 billion market value.

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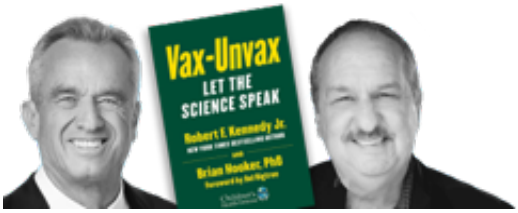


The mRNA platform remains the problem

Berenson said the news around the EBV vaccine, which "uses essentially the same design as Moderna's Covid shot … a strand of modified mRNA surrounded by a tiny fat globule called a 'lipid nanoparticle' or LNP," raises questions about the entire mRNA platform.

He noted that there is lingering uncertainty about whether it's the spike protein or the lipid nanoparticles used to encapsulate the modified mRNA that causes myocarditis in people who receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Myocarditis involves inflammation of the myocardium or heart muscle that can lead to cardiac arrest and death. Symptoms can include chest pain, fatigue, difficulty breathing, fever, rash, exercise intolerance and abnormal heart rhythms.

For the COVID-19 vaccines, the observed risk for myocarditis is higher in teenagers and young people than in older adults, according to Berenson.

Berenson referenced a study published in Nature Immunology showing how lipid nanoparticle-formulated mRNA can suppress certain forms of interleukin 1, which can induce elevated cytokine levels and create excessive inflammation.

A March 2022 paper published in Elsevier's Metabolism Open explored the possible connection between lipid nanoparticles and myocarditis arising from a non-mRNA vaccine.

A 2016 mouse study of mRNA delivered in lipid nanoparticles showed "activity was detectable in the liver, demonstrating systemic spread of the nanoparticles."

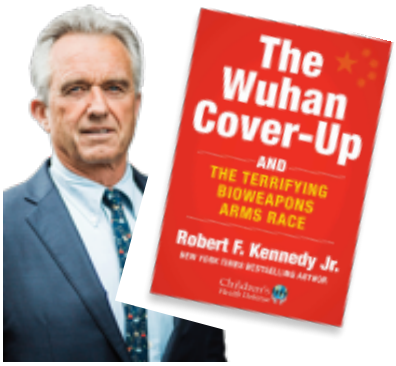
Numerous other studies have linked the COVID-19 mRNA shots to myocarditis.

In June, Berenson reported on the South Korean study of 12 mRNA-driven myocarditis deaths in young adults and nine deaths in adults over 60. The overall vaccine-related myocarditis rate was about 1 in 100,000, with nearly 20% of those cases rated as severe.

The highest rate was reported for males between the ages of 12-17 — 5.29 cases per 100,000. Autopsies revealed a specific inflammatory signature of lymphohistocytes in the myocardium.

Six cases of myocarditis following the administration of the Pfizer mRNA vaccine were reported in a study published in the May 2021 issue of Vaccine, and eight cases of myocarditis were reported in a paper published in the June 2021 issue of Circulation.

Dr. Peter McCullough on Nov. 4 wrote on Substack that the comparative risks of myocarditis and pericarditis with mRNA, adenoviral DNA and spike antigen vaccines, finding that all of these vaccines carried some risk.



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Lack of transparency of mRNA-myocarditis link goes back to 2021

Berenson suggested Moderna's lack of transparency echoed previous controversies related to myocarditis risk and mRNA vaccines. He referenced research Israel shared on Feb. 28, 2021 warning of myocarditis cases following Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) was slow to alert the public to this safety signal.

Berenson also claimed the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) and the Israeli health ministry had identified higher-than-expected myocarditis cases after mRNA vaccination by spring 2021. He reported the DOD shared data with the CDC at closed meetings that were not promptly disclosed to the public by the CDC.

A Sept. 17 report by The Epoch Times referenced a March 9, 2021, U.S. government memorandum discussing 27 cases of myocarditis/peri-myocarditis in the U.S. from a Feb. 23 review of adverse events, but stated "missing and incomplete data make it challenging to assess causation."

The report stated the CDC met with DOD officials twice behind closed doors in April 2021, where military patient data suggested "myocarditis was indeed a possible side effect" of the mRNA vaccines.

By April 2021, the CDC had received at least 141 reports of myocarditis in the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, or VAERS, database, according to The Epoch Times. However, on April 27, 2021, then-CDC Director Rochelle Walensky during a White House briefing denied this, saying "we have not seen any reports" of myocarditis after vaccination in VAERS, but she did admit to ongoing investigations of the DOD report.

Albert Benavides, an HMO claims auditor and data analyst who created the VaersAware dashboards, told The Defender that as of Oct. 27, 2023, 5,711 children 0-17 years old have a report of "myo/pericarditis & chest pain" listed in VAERS, with about 43.8% (2,504/5,711) of these "hidden away in the 'UNKNOWN' age bucket."

"This crude but very accurate observation indicates that a very high amount of 'UNK' [unknown] age kids with properly documented summary narratives, also have a disproportionately high amount of heart problems," Benavides said.

Benavides' assessment of missing age data in VAERS was reviewed by bioinformatics researcher Herve Seligmann and published on ResearchGate in July, where the two concluded:

> "Biases for missing information increase as a function of event severity and decrease with age. Tendencies for increased bias in missing information with event severity are greatest in children, and decrease with age. Pre-and post-screening biases in female/male ratios increase with event severity for ages above 17, the pattern is strongest at peak female fertility ages, 18-29.
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> "No form adapted to include data of both pregnant women and their un- or newborn child exists, suggesting a systemic, in addition to systematic, maladministration of the VAERS information database."

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EBV linked to multiple malignancies

Moderna began its trial for the mRNA-1189 EBV vaccine in January 2022, when it enrolled around 270 participants between the ages of 18 and 30. Only later did it expand to Phase 1 part B, to include adolescents as young as 12.

Anyone with a history of myocarditis or pericarditis was explicitly excluded from participating in the trial.

The mRNA-1189 vaccine "contains four mRNAs that encode EBV envelope glycoproteins (gH, gL, gp42, gp220), which mediate viral entry into B cells and epithelial surface cells, the major targets of EBV infection," according to European Pharmaceutical Review.

In Phase 1 trials, drugs are primarily evaluated for their safety rather than their efficacy, Berenson stated.

EBV is a common viral infection typically contracted in early childhood or adolescence and is often asymptomatic. However, it can lead to infectious mononucleosis, a clinical syndrome that can include fever, fatigue, sore throat and lymphadenopathy.

More serious cases of infectious mononucleosis can debilitate patients for weeks or months and can lead to splenic rupture and significant airway compromise.

Moderna's mRNA-1189 vaccine aims to prevent the development of infectious mononucleosis and EBV infection.

Moderna is developing another EBV vaccine, mRNA-1195, to prevent long-term EBV sequelae.

One of a number of companies working on EBV vaccines, Moderna in its April investor overview links EBV to multiple sclerosis and "EBV-related malignancies."

According to the BMJ Open paper cited in the investor overview, EBV is a common virus, infecting over 90% of the population, with the virus persisting and B cells for life.

The virus has four "latency programs," meaning it can come back into active expression in a variety of ways, and has been linked to Burkitt lymphoma, nasopharyngeal carcinoma, Hodgkin lymphoma, gastric carcinomas and other cancers.

EBV also been linked to Guillain-Barré syndrome.

Moderna CEO Stéphane Bancel called the EBV study a "significant milestone as we continue to advance mRNA vaccines against latent viruses, which remain in the body for life after infection and can lead to chronic medical conditions," according to European Pharmaceutical Review.

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Halifax

11 days ago

Funny how they halted the study for one case of myocarditis but are still denying that the covid death jab has any such problems. Absolutely despicable and criminal. They should all be hung for crimes against humanity!

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R

Ricky Ricardo

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Let me be the first to call B.S. on this one. If I were paranoid, I'd think it was just a ploy to gain people's confidence. Pfizer had 1,200 deaths in their initial trials of the "covid" shots and if their internal documents, through a FOIA submission hadn't been released via a court order - we would have never known about it!
What about the millions of people now worldwide, who have had serious injuries and of course, countless deaths from the mRNA bioweapon shots? ModeRNA now wants us to believe that they're "concerned" for one person who had an adverse event...I don't think so!

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J

Jennifo → Ricky Ricardo

10 days ago

Since when do they care about any deaths? I agree, don't fall for their fake concern suddenly.

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Columngirl → Ricky Ricardo

11 days ago

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Have to agree, THERE ARE 1000 FOLD MORE DAMAGES THAN WHAT IS BEING REPORTED. Witness the CDC, FDA, NIH, DOD and the US DEPT OF HHS put a gag order in their contracts to receive covid federal funds. THAT IS WHERE THE WHISTLE BLOWS. These people were paid to put a GAG ORDER ON THIS EXPERIMENT. DO A FOIA ON THE US ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS AND OBSTETRICS, 13 MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT, BUT A GAG ORDER OR THEY GET SUED AND HAVE TO PAY IT BACK, so you can be sure if they did it with that agency it was the same with every other incentive contract. THAT IS NOT MEDICINE.

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R **Ricky Ricardo** → Columngirl

10 days ago

I just got hold of the "Vaccine" contract for Canada. Others will be much the same. In it, Pfizer states that it has no idea of what harm may come from the shots. They also don't know if they will block infection or stop transmission! We should all know by now that they do neither; and as for the harm...I guess that covers their ass-ets!

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C **Catherine H** → Ricky Ricardo

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That's the same thing I thought when I began reading the article...why would they care if one test subject died? They are trying to get the public on their side, by thinking we will forget the atrocities they have been commiting over the years. I think not, people with at least two brain cells can see this hoax a mile away and won't fall for this!

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R **Ricky Ricardo** → Catherine H

10 days ago

Well; between us, we have at least four! Every time I venture outside into the Zombie Apocalypse, I really have to wonder if they even possess one brain cell! If I remember correctly...you need two to "rub together". Otherwise, there's no spark. ;)

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jupiteralliance → Ricky Ricardo

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Big pharma will continue to taut that the benefits out way the risks. Yeah... benefit to whom? Big pharma of course $$$$

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Allen
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Meet the new vaxx
Same as the old vaxx

- Pete Townshend

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S **Shirley Peters**
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Did a quick research of this virus - "95% of all adults have been exposed to it, but unless you had a case of glandular fever, you may not have noticed any symptoms. Having had EBV infection or glandular fever doesn't mean you will get MS."
Then why the heckity heck do we need a vaccine for it?! We don't. PHARMA is the DEVIL.

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J **Jennifo** → Shirley Peters
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Most of us have or have had EBV. I've had this & it can be challenging to get rid of. But I certainly didn't/wouldn't nuke my whole body to get rid of.

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Sandburners → Jennifo
10 days ago

Had mono @ 18 recovered in a week, relapsed @ 45 took 6 months to recover and test clear. It was awful. Self diagnosed from internet since PCP couldn't. Had to demand blood test. Then the idiot said you couldn't have it twice BS. Now I know it makes me much more likely to get lymphoma or head/neck cancers. I have huge family history of cancer so a vax seems great on the surface but thanks to CHD I know mRNA majorly increases risk of cancer. Still rueing having taken 2 doses of Moderna COVID poison. So no thanks Moderna. Enough poison already!

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SHENZI

11 days ago edited

Yeah, that's right, Moderna. Make people who are already sick with Epstein-Barr even sicker or dead. Glad to hear it was stopped.

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LinUK

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It "raises questions about the entire mRNA platform". There's only one question - why has this not been completely banned already?

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Mainman

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Medical Attorney Greg Glaser has pretty substantial proof that vaccines cause diabetes. Check out his interview with Kelly Omeara on bitchute. It will open your eyes to the blatant corruption these pharma companies use as 'control groups' in order to by-pass the laws in place.

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Columngirl

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What Moderna is NOT saying is that many of the auto-immune diseases are all linked to encephalitis which was discovered to have contaminated US Labs in the 80's under Fauci's tutelage. All of these are a big A=A=A=A for pharma and never ending game of injecting the population with poison making more patients. DONT TAKE ANY OF THESE INJECTIONS - THE MRNA DID NOT PREVENT THE DISEASE AND OR THE PREVENTION OF COVID, INSTEAD IT INFECTED THE PERSONA AND THAT PERSON SPREAD THE VIRUS. WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT THESE EBV INJECTIONS WILL DO -- LOWER THE NATURAL IMMUNITY AND WE WILL SUDDENLY HAVE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WITH EBV, ETC ETC ETC. AND THEIR GAME GOES MARCHING ON WITH ZERO RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO THE PUBLIC.

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J

Jeanne DiMassa

11 days ago

Nothing but lie upon lie to get you to buy the product. It's the damn vaccine overload causing GBS, MS along with myocarditis and a host of other ills. I have lost all faith in the medical-pharma industrial complex. Greed corrupts

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jupiteralliance

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How many more children and young adults have to suffer or die from myocarditis from these highly unstable mRNA vaccines? Just stop already!

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Pam Hull

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Who are these FOOLS that agree to these studies???? Geez, sorry but you get what you deserve!!!!!!!!!!!1

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Ektor

10 days ago

Moderna is nothing more than a cloned fizer. Both are in the business of murder for profit.

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Ivanidea

10 days ago

It is unspeakable evil to allow this damage to humanity to continue.

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Seabreezes1

10 days ago

As someone who has experienced auto-immune/inflammatory illnesses since childhood, it is my non-expert opinion that the age discrepancy in inflammatory cardiac syndromes is due to the fact that the immune system becomes exhausted as we age. Consequently, we don't mount as rigorous an inflammatory response as occurs in youth.

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Susan Avia

11 days ago

The difference is they are from liability for covid.!

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Auntjenjen Churro

11 days ago edited

DesBio homeopathic - THE best, safest, truest EBV vaccine. Learned about it from a neurologist who left mainstream. Great results. Along with toxic mold, metals and severe covaids from 2020 (accumulating from 2019 as I worked at an urgent care and we saw hundreds if not more, every two days and it wasn't until the masks, that all but the smoker staff fell gravely ill with no healthcare unless you "wanted" the vent. I refused, and then they refused basic care.It led me to learn what was also inhibiting my recovery and my severe covaids went right into severe, hard longhaul and still going. Improving with a lot of things, help, time, all things outside the mainstream, but what was found was dangerously high EBV antibodies. This is helping very much (DesBio). It's a homeopathic designed to BE an ACTUAL ..vaccine. So, stop your "studies," mainstream madness! We already have a lot of what we need.....censored and hidden. But Ephesians 5:11.....so we'll keep exposing email and promoting good.

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SHENZI → Auntjenjen Churro

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I would like to hear more about this homeopathic remedy could you give a little more detail? Thank you.

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Jennifo → SHENZI

10 days ago

There is much improvement/elimination with microcurrent (Tens machine) technology & herbs & supplements. Some (true) wellness centers/spas or natural health stores offer these services. Bacteria, viruses & fungi don't like certain currents/sounds/electrical waves. The micro current irritates & breaks them down so the body eliminates them (in a simplistic explanation).

Nikola Tesla was WAAAAY ahead of us on this. And I'm not talking about cars here...

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UnionMember

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Ebv is often asymptomatic and harmless.
Even when people get sick (probably from other factors) it's not deadly.
So why the fk would we need a vaccine for it that causes more issues than it "prevents"?

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Frederick Lee

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Citing the article: Moderna paused the Phase 1 “Eclipse” trial following “an urgent communication” from the company overseeing the trial stating that the adverse event “necessitates an immediate suspension of all dosing for ALL adolescents,”
My question is, to extend your life or reduce your odds for cancer, which "adolescent" would you nominate to participate in an mRNA pharmaceutical trial? Or any drug experiment? Of course, the parents will sign an informed consent legal agreement. And this will be so that society can avoid mass quarantine and resume or continue their routines in life as normal. No pressure, just volunteer someone please. And thank you.

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